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1. The headquarters of the Seepolizei in Wolgast are now located in their own building. The staff of the Wolgast flotilla is also in the same building. The schools at Parow, near Stralsund, and Sassnitz are under it. They train seamen of all kinds. The special schools for signal communications and electronic instrumentation are at Bad Doberan and Stubenkammer. The electronics school was formerly at Kühlungsborn but has been moved to Bad Doberan. The Wolgast base ship division, which now has upward of 1,600 men, sends men to these schools. The training in the schools is centrally directed from the Seepolizei general headquarters (HVS) at Berlin-Wilmersruh. The tactical staff of the HVS has been located at Wolgast since the middle of October.
2. The Seepolizei Arsenal at Wolgast contains 63 four-barreled antiaircraft guns of Soviet make, and about 160 twin-barreled 16 mm guns. Mine-sweeping equipment, which has been allotted to the Wolgast flotilla is also stored here. The flotilla has 11 mine sweepers at its disposal, seven of which are in service in the Baltic. The other four will cruise until the year's end with training crews. A new training system is being used now, intended to develop all-around crews. The training is divided into three courses. The first course provides infantry and political basic training. The second course gives basic training in seamanship. The third course is divided into seven parts: seamanship, radio, signaling, obstructive arms (Sperrwaffen), engineering, artillery, and administration. From a report translated for the Red Army it appears that 8,720 Seepolizei had completed the first two courses to 30 Jul 53. Nine hundred thirty-one Seepolizei are former commissioned navy men; 3,216 had gone through the course of training with success. According to the latest conditions for acceptance, candidates must have the mental basis for the training course. Candidates who have had a technical training are preferred. A good position in one of the shipyards under the Seepolizei after a short period of service is promised these. These yards include the National shipyard

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at Stralsund and the Peene yard at Wolgast.

3. Quarters for about 600 Seepolizei were completed at Karlshagen at the end of September.

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